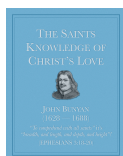


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February 19th, 2017

“Behold, GOD will not
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man, neither will he help
the evil doers” JOB 8:20

[READ JOHN 6:37]



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Schedule of Services

Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm

** On the first Sunday of each month, we will observe the Lord's Table in the 11:00 am service and then have lunch in the fellowship building.*

Nursery

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

Happy Birthday!

Brandon Chance - February 19th, Vicky Hicks - February 20th

This evening's podcast speaker will be PASTOR / MISSIONARY CODY GROOVER

LUKE 13:1-5 — "...EXCEPT YE REPENT, YE SHALL...PERISH..."

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WHO MAKETH THEE TO DIFFER?

"ALSO I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD, SAYING, WHOM SHALL I SEND, AND WHO WILL GO FOR US? THEN SAID I, HERE AM I; SEND ME." ISAIAH 6:8

There is no doubt that God knows where we are geographically. And he knows where we are spiritually as well. This *Here am I* in the verse before us is exactly the same place where our Heavenly Father eventually brings all his children. He brings us to the place of willingness before his Majesty—*"Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power; in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth"* (PSALM 110:3). When our Lord confronted the Apostle Paul, he said; *"Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"* (ACTS 9:6). When God brings us to *'Here am I'*, he has brought us unto submission to Him. This is a condition of the new heart, which delights to do his will.

Our Lord brings us (and keeps bringing us) to absolute reverential worship and acquiescence [full acceptance] to his holy character and virtues. This place where he brings us is to the end of our self and to his feet. This we do willingly, because he makes us love to be willing. When we can truly say *'Here am I'*, we are saying not my will be done—Your will be done—Do with me what seems good in your sight. Where are those who have been chosen by the Father, redeemed by the Son, and regenerated by the Spirit? They are precisely where God has placed

them, and they are glad to be there! Here am I is simply giving our selves up to God's sovereign purpose and good providence. Until we can say in our hearts Here am I, we are yet in rebellion and unbelief.

PASTOR **TOMMY ROBBINS** (1948 – 2011)

COME UNTO CHRIST AND REST

"COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOUR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN,
AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST." MATTHEW 11:28

Our Lord declares the gospel of our sure salvation, when he tells us, that He gives us eternal life, and it shall never to be revoked! [Read JOHN 10:27, ROMANS 11:29]

Our Lord declares *"My sheep hear my voice, I know them and they follow me, and I give them eternal life, and they shall never, perish."* What's the response of our hearts beloved? Is it not? That *"all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen!"* (2 CORINTHIANS 1:19-20)

If you are God's beloved, the response of your heart will certainly not be the *yea and nay* of the religious free-willer, nor the *'ya, but'* of their unbelief!

That denomination of unbelief, whatever it's name, is always saying *'yea and nay'* to *all* the promises of God. They hear *'you are complete in CHRIST'* but they cannot *come unto Christ and rest*. They say *'ya but, you need to do this or you need to do that to be saved.'* [Read COLOSSIANS 2:10, ROMANS 4:5, HEBREWS 12:2]

They hear our dear Lord say that His people *"will never perish"* and the members of this soul condemning denomination say, *'ya, but, if you do this or if you do that, you'll lose your salvation.'* [JOHN 10:27, MATTHEW 1:21]

Well, tell your unbelieving friend the only thing they ought to lose is the delusion they have any part in their salvation; for Christ is *the author and finisher* of the faith of God's people. Indeed, through the doing and dying of the Lord Jesus Christ, He is the author and finisher of our salvation!

Beloved, the certainty of our hope, the sure hope, the hope that we are saved, is found in His sure promises. He declares *"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."* (JOHN 6:35-40)

We who believe on Christ, indeed we who love Him, are made to know He shall not fail to save His people. For we love and believe His very own words, that all which the Father has given Him to save (every elect sinner He purposed to save by His grace in Christ) shall be saved! Our Lord declares *"...this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day."* And All God's people say yes Lord, and *come unto Him and rest*. Amen!

PASTOR

“NOT WITHOUT BLOOD”

“...INTO THE SECOND WENT THE HIGH PRIEST ALONE ONCE EVERY YEAR,
NOT WITHOUT BLOOD, WHICH HE OFFERED FOR HIMSELF,
AND FOR THE ERRORS OF THE PEOPLE:” (HEBREWS 9:7)

What a thought to be justified in the sight of the holy God, to have every vestige of sin and pollution washed away. I awoke during the night with that thought. Our Lord has a special way of blessing during the nighttime hours. Here I am on the edge of eternity, and the Almighty Creator waits with a welcome. You top that, brother! I am in God's purpose as the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Then the words came to me: “Not without blood.” I own the blood! I confess the blood!

As I age may God by His amazing grace, take away any vestige of hope I might have in anything but the “precious blood of Christ as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 PETER 1:9). I've heard men say, “*Well, I just want peace as I grow old.*” I do too! “*Not without blood.*” It will be a bloody peace or none at all. “*And having made PEACE through the blood of His cross*” (COLOSSIANS 1:20). That high priest in Hebrews 9:7, who went into the very presence of God Himself, went in with one thought in mind; that if he went in “*without blood*” it was sure death. I come into the presence of the Almighty with the same thought. Whatever else is involved, I cannot come “*without blood,*” for the wrath of God awaits any who come “*without blood.*” Yes, Lord, I agree! Give me grace to come to you in the crimson flow of the bloody Christ, the only Redeemer of sinners.

PASTOR **JACK SHANKS** (1929 — 2012)

UNDERSTANDING IMPUTATION

“BLESSED IS THE MAN TO WHOM THE LORD WILL NOT IMPUTE SIN.” ROMANS 4:8

Many people understand imputation like this: God imputes the righteousness of His Son to me so that I have a legal righteous standing before God even though I am not really righteous. Such a view is dishonoring to God! In 1 Corinthians 4:1, Paul said, “*Let a man so account us as ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.*” The word account is the same Greek word that is translated impute. Paul is not telling us to account him a servant and a steward even though he really is not a servant and a steward. Impute this to me because that is what I am. We have righteousness imputed to us because we are righteous!

All that Christ died for have no sin, no guilt, and are perfectly righteous before God. When Paul said, “Reckon (impute) yourselves to be dead to sin”, it was not that we are to reckon ourselves to be dead unto sin though we really are not. By Christ's work on our behalf we are dead to sin! It has nothing to say to us. That is realized by faith.

PASTOR **TODD NIBERT**